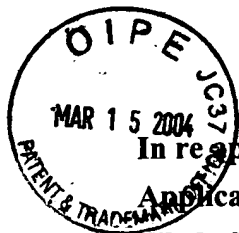


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In re application of: Okino et al.

Application No. 09/997,646

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Enclosed is an Amendment for the above application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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One-month Extension of Time					\$110.00	
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Three-month Extension of Time					\$950.00	
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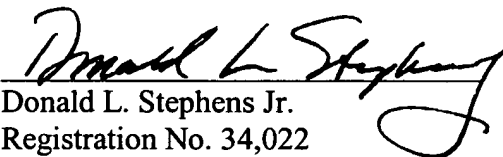
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated December 11, 2003. Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.